

House Resolution 778

By: Representative Gurtler of the 8<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
3 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., on  
4 December 8, 1974; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., was born on February 22, 1927, a beloved son  
6 of William Joseph Chastain and Nola Jane Shook Chastain; and

7 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state  
8 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
9 sound principles of law enforcement; and

10 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as Towns County Sheriff, and his life was  
11 tragically taken in the line of duty while he heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities  
12 of his vocation; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding  
14 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

15 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of  
16 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement  
17 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Chastain and  
20 express their most sincere condolences at his passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
23 family of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.